



**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2168**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Methods, Function Data,  
and Systems to Represent a  
Storage Environment

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of November 14, 2006 to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.